

To the Dep of Community
and Economic Development.

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Y₃ FIRST, I did NOT receive a DGED Prelimin^o Report, I was one person of a few that opposed the petition. There is many that oppose incorporation that did NOT write. There isn't the information out there for people to know what's going on. I never seen anything on incorporation in 1998 or 1999 even - till May 2000. I go to Post Office every day & I always check billboards wherever I go. I am sure the notice was taken down if it was there by the Post Master (in so many days). I happen to see the DGED report that a business person had, that had nothing to do with Talkeetna incorporation. So how do you expect people to know about this report? only have till May 7, 01 for comments. One way for the petitioners to gain. Notices are not out there. I have gone to meetings since, so I do know. I attended E. Council meetings and T.B.C. Meetings. We are interested as we live in down town Talkeetna and have been here longer the most people here.

Second I don't know where you get 758 residents? And only 52 registered voters filled the petition. There isn't 200 people that live in around Talkeetna area close. How can 52 people have the say, when 253 individuals and 161 signatures were voters that opposed the incorporation, how can this be - fair? No. and we didn't have our names down as we didn't know. I do know that one of the petitioners who representatives do not live in Town of Talkeetna, outside of town. Some of us old timers have to live like what newcomers want. And they came here for the same reason's we did long ago. We are getting lots of help now as we have a Matsu borough assembly member Kelly Yankford-Ladere and

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She has been to ^{our} C. Council Meetings and has helped us so much and understands. We have had help with bed Tax and money. Sen. Stevens has given us. We also been ^{doing}, what they call zoning as small as our DownTown is we cannot have more business move here, people can build out side of the Town, but very few land in the Town of Palmer. one of the reasons they wanted to incorporate - because the Borough was so far away, the Borough didn't help them in their problem's (But this has changed and we now have a person on the assembly which is helping us and many things are happening.) and some that support the petition say, because of growth and change. The downtown area, the people are forming a "Historic Downtown Palmer's ^{Non Profit} landowners Association" and will incorporate and will take care of the needs in this area. we do not need a local authority like a city council, we already have the Community Council. That made Mat-Su Borough does a very ^{good} job in taking care of our roads, water and sewer and snow, why do we need local help. I do not believe that this place can take care of all these - with only less than 200 people. - How can you say we have enough people here to incorporate this little place of Palmer? Most live outside of Palmer area. Palmer residents have a below-average standard of living and many earn below the national poverty level, they live in small homes and some without indoor plumbing or electricity, but they choose to live here - because of the simpler lifestyle and the high quality of living it affords. People are here because they value clean air, water, a safe place to raise children, sense of community, and wilderness out the back door. We want to remain the kind of place that provides this increasingly rare, yet invaluable, life experience. You people aren't looking at it through our eyes.

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The people that represent that petition both make much more money than a lot of these low income people. we would have a tax of 4¢ or 2¢ more, the taxes (land) would go up and they are high now, people will have to move - I seen this happen on a Island back in Michigan and the well to do took over and it was their ^{home} from one family to the next. with the mt. and this large ledge, things could happen here a lot of recreation here. If they have their way, there would have to be more buildings, a lawyer, many things that wasn't down in their petition or had figured. I think people better count the people here again, you cannot count the people who are in Sunshine area, which is most half of the spur road, leading into Talkeetna.

I know your job has been in checking all this out and a good job, but you should always see it through the eyes of the people who live here and why they are here, we are working on taking care of the problems here and we now have a assembly person which was needed before. we have had a neat place here and has been changes, but we do not want a big change as it takes away from our neat place ^{new} and puts it in the town like any other place in the states. People change it and I am surprised of some of the people who want incorporate, but a lot live out, have homes of their own, and business that have their hands out, want to take our little airport for parking and etc. you have to see for yourself & talk to all people.

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of the report?